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17698 07/08/03 <b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No. 3518.1013-000
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  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
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  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)  
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8.  Power of Attorney       37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement
9.  English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449       Copies of IDS Citations
11.  Preliminary Amendment
12.  Return Receipt Postcard
13.  Small Entity Statement(s)
- 14a.  Foreign Priority Claim under 35 U.S.C. §119 or 365
- 14b.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
15.  Nonpublication Request *(check parent application)*
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17. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box; supply the requisite information.

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The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.  
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